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RED BLUFF MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ANTHONY ALLAN VALLIER, 43, of Red Bluff, California, was arrested today by F.B.I agents on charges of possessing child pornography. A federal grand jury had returned a two count indictment on Wednesday, September 22. The indictment alleges that on October 2, 2003, VALLIER knowingly possessed over 300 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on his computer hard drive, some under the age of 12. In a second count, the government seeks the forfeiture of the computer VALLIER used to maintain his collection of child pornography.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Red Bluff Police Department, special agents of the F.B.I., and the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, if VALLIER is convicted of the charges, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a potential life term of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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